

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday August 12th 2001**

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## **Theory Exam**

A group of ten candidates from Cork Radio Club and South Eastern Amateur Radio Group sat the theory exam held in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford on Thursday the 2nd of August last. The candidates were; Alan Lester, Kieran Lane, Tom Whelton, Assumpta Bowen, Alan Bennett and Dennis McCarthy from Cork and Tom Phelan, John Duggan, Robert Power and Andrew Power from Waterford, all of whom are eagerly awaiting the results of the exam. We wish them the best of luck and we look forward to hearing them on the air soon.

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## **South Dublin Radio Club**

The regular Tuesday night meetings of South Dublin Radio Club will resume for the second half of August - that is on the 21st and 28th of August.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The 70 centimetre voice repeater in Carrickpherish, Waterford was taken off air during the past week for maintenance and it is expected to be off the air for approximately a week. This is necessary in order that an essential upgrade can take place. The WRC2 2 metre packet node at Helvick Head, Co. Waterford has been off air for the past couple of weeks due to damage from lightning. The 70 centimetre node on the same site which was also damaged is now back on air. WRC2 will be back on air as soon as the necessary parts for its repair arrive.

There will be no general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group for the month of August. The next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday the 5th of September and general meetings will resume on Wednesday the 26th of September at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. For up to date information about SEARG visit the website at [www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg](http://www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg)

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## **Cork Radio Club**

Cork Radio Club intend to operate a station from Roches Point for the Lighthouse on

the air week end, on the Sunday only, the group are currently waiting for permission from the ODTR to use the call EI1RPL.

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## **DX News**

It is now possible to work XP1AB again. XP1AB will be used from Sondrestrom on the West coast of Greenland during the CQWW SSB Contest on the 27th and 28th of October 2001. XP1AB was last used in the 1960's and it will now be possible to work this special call again. Sondrestrom is in CQ zone 40, ITU Zone 5 and IOTA reference NA-018.

During the OX2K DXpedition in May/June 2000 the group set up an operating room to be used radio amateurs all over the world. They have also set up a local club there which uses the call sign will be XP1AB.

XP1AB will be used on air during the CQWW SSB Contest and we will be QRV on all 6 contest bands. The group might also be QRV on CW before and/or after the contest. We expect to leave on 31. October 2001. QSL Manager is OZ1ACB and QSL is only possible direct to OZ1ACB.

Details regarding the DXpedition are available at website [www.qsl.net/xp1ab](http://www.qsl.net/xp1ab) and you can e-mail them at xp1ab@qsl.net.

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## **Hurricane Watch Net**

The Hurricane Watch Net was activated at 1800 UTC on Sunday the 5th of August 2001, as Tropical Storm Barry strengthened in the Gulf of Mexico. On 14.325 MHz, the Hurricane Watch Net gathers real-time weather information that is relayed via National Hurricane Centre station W4EHW to hurricane forecasters. The U.S. National Weather Service requested the activation as Barry, which had been drifting erratically in the Gulf, dramatically strengthened and turned northward.

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Mark over the phone at 087-6302026. Please note that the deadline for the radio news is 9 p.m. each Tuesday.

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